c. Issue of Security to Lenders in MCA (Para 5.1.3).

d. RFP Provisions - Forfeiture of bid security of bidders on account of non-responsiveness (Para 5.1.4).

e. Eligibility of applicants/conflict of interest as per RFQ provisions-common shareholding levels (Para 5.1.5).

f. Eligibility of applicants /conflict of interest as per RFQ provisions -Continuation of conflict of interest (Para 5.1.6).

g. Associate - definition in RFQ thereof (Para 5.1.7).

h. "Threshold technical capability" "Eligible projects" (TTC) in latest RFQ (Para 5.1.8).

i. Increase in Equity Grant (VGF) to 40% by merging 20% equity and 20% O&M Grant into Equity Grant (Para 5.1.9).

j. RFQ process - project wise pre-qualification be substituted with annual/periodic pre-qualification (Para 5.1.10).

k. Premium provisions under RFP /MCA (Para 5.1.11).

2. The Government has also approved the following:-

(i) Further amendments to RFQ and RFP provisions, where necessary, will be carried out by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on the basis of recommendations of the NHAI Board.

(ii) Setting up of an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MORTH with representatives of DEA, Department of Expenditure, Planning Commission and Ministry of Law and Justice to consider issues relating to MCA, Where there is unanimity in the decision, the same will be then put up to the Minister, Road Transport & Highways for approval. Where there is no unanimity in the decision, the matter will be placed before the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) comprising the Finance Minister, Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.

Tender for Beawar-Pali-Sirohi-Pindwara stretch of NH-14

†1497. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Kishangarh-Ajmer-Beawar stretch of NH-8 has been constructed by the National Highways Authority of India and tender has been invited for Beawar-Pali-Sirohi-Pindwara stretch of NH-14 and if not, by when this tender will be invited; and

(b) by when the construction work on this road will be completed and the details thereof?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Detailed Project Report (DPR) for six-laning of Kishangarh-Ajmer-Beawar stretch of NH-8 has been completed by NHAI The work has been awarded and the project is scheduled for completion by May, 2012.

The Beawar-Pali-Sirohi-Pindwara section of NH-14 (246 km), have been identified for four laning by Government of India under NHDP Phase III on BOT toll basis being implemented by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). The project is likely to be awarded during the year 2009-10, after the same is approved by Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC). The work of four-laning of the said National Highway is likely to be completed within 36 months after award of the project.

Widening and four-laning of NH-14

†1498. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Rajasthan has sent a proposal to the Government of India, for widening and four-laning of NH-14 (Beawar-Pali-Sirohi Road Stretch); and

(b) if so, by when the work of four-laning of the said National Highway is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Beawar-Pali-Sirohi-Pindwara section of NH-14 (246 km) have been identified for four laning by Government of India under NHDP Phase III on BOT toll basis being implemented by National Highway Authority of India (NHAI). The project is likely to be awarded during the year 2009-10, after the same is approved by Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC). The work of four-laning of the said National Highway is likely to be completed within 36 months after award of the project.

Expansion of NH-24 to 6 lane from UP border to Vijay Nagar

1499. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that NH-24 always remain clogged and jammed packed from UP border to Vijay Nagar and during peak hours problem gets further aggravated;

(b) the merging of traffic from 6 lane from Delhi to 2 lane on one side from UP border and number of colony cuts/crossings on the highway near Khoda colony are the main reasons for traffic nightmare;

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